

## Mexico's Livestock Sector on the Rise

During the current commercial cycle, the export of live calves to the United States increased by two percent.



According to the Mexican Meat Council, cattle are the most important ruminants in the world's agri-food chain, since they produce more than 60 thousand tons of meat protein that is consumed by around 7,600 million people.

In this context, thanks to the coordinated work between Senasica and cattle breeders, which reduces the risk of spreading pests and diseases that could affect the breeding of these animals, Mexico is a top producer of cattle, breeding more than 35 million calves per year.

In the south of the country and in tropical zones, zebu breeds predominate, and in the rest of the country, crossbreeds of European origin are produced. Such crossbreeds are bred in extensive production units until weaned, at which time they can continue grazing or be concentrated in feedlots where they are fed balanced diets until reaching a weight of nearly 500 kilograms.

The above provided that the animal is slaughtered in Mexico, as there is also another group of cattle for international trade in their calf stage, which provides a strong economic boost for Mexican breeders -especially small and medium-sized ones.

Only in the current marketing cycle 2020-2021, as of May 4, Mexican producers have exported 937,841 head of cattle to the United States, which represents a nearly two percent growth in relation to the same production period of 2019-2020.

For information consult: [Live Cattle Exports to The U.S. Boosted in May](#)